Torture of C iuknu Community in Bangladesh

667. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNA I AFFAIRS be pleased to stale;

(a) whether it has come to Govcrnmetjf's notice that Chakma Community Personnels have approached the Interna tional Human Rights protection forum against the tortures by Bangladesh Security Forces on these tribals in Bangladesh;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to protect them front the torture and have also taken up the matter with the Bangladesh Government; and

(c) if not. what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Government have been in (ouch with the Bangladesh Government ever since the influx of Chakirta refugees into India from Bfagladesh started in April, 1986. The refugees have been unwilling to return to Bangladesh as they fear for their safety. Government have been trying to persuade the Bangladesh Government to take the necessary action to create normal conditions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts which would give the refugee,, the confidence to return.

(c) Does not arise.

Expert Committee to certify airworthiness of plants

668. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to constitute a Committee of Experts to ic-view all its provisions relating to grant of certificates of airworthiness to planes flying in the country as well as issuing of licences to pilots to make regulations more stringent and in keeping with changes in technology;

(b) if so, what are the numes of personnel of the Committee; and

(e) hy when the Committee would SUD mil its report to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVW AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) There is no such proposal at present,

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Starting of IIT in Assam

669. DR. NAGEN SAKIA. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 991 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 1988 and state:

(a) when the establishment of one HT in Assam was declared:

(b) whether Government of Assam has allotted necessary land for the same;

(c) what are the reasons for delay to .start the Institute: and

(d) by when it is likely to be started?

HIE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) August 1985.

(b) Necessary land for the establish ment of the IIT has been identified and is being acquired by the Government of Assam.

(c) and (d) Necessary planning and preparatory work in connection with the establishment of the IIT is in progress. Such a process naturally takes time. The Institute', will start after necessary for malities including legislation have been completed.